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SUBJECT: GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR --EXTENT OF SUPPORT

FOR OPPOSITION TO PRG

1. SEVERAL RECENT CABLES FROM WE POSTS, INTER ALIA, REPORTED HOST GOVT CONCERN THAT ITS POSITION OPPOSING PRG PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT PLACE IT IN ISOLATION FROM ITS NEIGHBORS. ONE SUCH CABLE REPORTED A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO THE EFFECT THAT PERHAPS ONLY "A HANDFUL OF COUNTRIES" WOULD OPPOSE INVITING THE PRG.
2. AS WE CALCULATE MATTERS AT PRESENT THIS IS FAR FROM THE CASE. OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT SOME FORTY-ODD COUNTRIES WILL VOTE AGAINST THE PRG AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER WILL VOTE IN FAVOR. INDEED, IT IS THE APPROXIMATE EVENNESS OF THE RESPECTIVE BLOCS OF VOTES WHICH MAKES EACH INDIVIDUAL VOTE SO SIGNIFICANT.
3. AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF STATES OPPOSED TO THE PRG INVITATION INCLUDES THE FRG, BELGIUM, JAPAN, BRAZIL, SAUDI ARABIA, ETC. NO COUNTRY VOTING AGAINST THE PRG WILL LACK THE COMPANY OF INFLUENTIAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATES, EXCEPTING THE SUB-SAHARAN REGION.
4. THIS IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AND FOR POSSIBLE USE IN DEMARCHES ON THE SUBJECT. SUCH DEMARCHES WILL STILL BE VALID IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE THE OPPOSITION BLOC OF VOTES. DALE

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